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**WAUKESHA COUNTY BOARD PASSES 2012 BUDGET**

*Budget passed with overwhelming support*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – The Waukesha County Board of Supervisors adopted County Executive Dan Vrakas' 2012 Executive Budget without significant fiscal changes at their meeting this morning, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The budget will freeze the County portion of the tax bill for most Waukesha County property owners.

In order to freeze taxes under the proposed budget, Waukesha County will reduce the operating budget by 1.4% and personnel costs by 2%. Seeking partnerships between departments, other governments and the private sector to implement efficiencies and ultimately save tax dollars has been key to Waukesha County's strong fiscal health, Vrakas said.

"I am so proud to represent a County where the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches are able to work together to create a balanced budget that both guarantees high quality services are available to our constituency and also keeps the taxpayer in mind," Vrakas said.

Vrakas pointed out that Waukesha County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, has the lowest per capita spending of any county in the state, and is AAA/Aaa bond rated. The County has debt service under 10% of operating costs and has no county sales tax.

"We pay our bills on time, we balance our budgets and we respect the Waukesha County taxpayer," Vrakas said. "We can feel confident moving forward that Waukesha County is on rock solid footing."

Vrakas will sign the budget, with no vetoes, in the coming days.

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